

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE HON. MORRIS "MO" UDALL

HON. THOMAS C. SAWYER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 17, 1998

Mr. SAWYER. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week my friend and predecessor in this great body, John Seiberling, called and asked that I insert into the RECORD of our work his thoughts on his friend and colleague, Mo Udall.

To all of us who knew and worked with Mo Udall, he will always be an indelible model of all that we can be and do as lawmakers and as leaders, and as friends to one another even in the most difficult times.

I am grateful and honored that John Seiberling would ask me to share his words in this way.

December 14, 1998.

Re Hon. Morris Udall.

The death on December 12 of Morris "Mo" Udall has taken from us one of the most loved, most respected, and most accomplished Members of Congress in this generation.

Mo Udall was a BIG person, in every sense of the word. He was big not only in physical stature but also in strength of character, intellectual acumen, unfailing good humor, political vision, and understanding of the House and its constitutional role.

I first became acquainted with Mo in 1970, when he came to Akron to help me, a political underdog, in my ultimately successful campaign for election to the House. After I was elected, he helped me become one of his colleagues on the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, which he later chaired with great distinction for over a decade. There I had the privilege of working with him on some of the landmark environmental legislative efforts that he led. These produced the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, which curbed the destructive practices of coal stripmining, and the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, probably the most monumental land conservation measure ever enacted.

Mo's unswerving devotion to his native Arizona, to the Congress, and to America's land and people, can and should serve as a model for generations to come. The widespread respect which Mo enjoyed resulted not only from his vision and courage but also his fairness and eagerness to seek common ground with colleagues on opposing sides of legislative issues. Above all, I shall always remember Mo as a warm and loyal friend, always considerate, humorous, and kind.

In 1980, Mo told me that his doctors had just informed him that he had Parkinson's disease. So began his valiant eighteen year struggle, during which his courage and serenity continued to inspire his friends and family. To his wife, Norma, son Mark, newly elected to the House, his brother Stewart, and the other members of Mo's family, I share your sense of loss, but also memories of his indomitable spirit and undying friendship. Truly, love endures and, in the end, prevails.

JOHN F. SEIBERLING.

TRIBUTE TO PRINCIPAL WEAVER ODOM

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 17, 1998

Mr. GREEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues in Congress to join me in paying tribute to an outstanding individual, Mr. Weaver Odom. Mr. Odom recently will retire after serving the Aldine Intermediate School District for 35 years, 31 of which has principal of Colonial Hills Elementary.

Weaver Odom joined Aldine ISD in 1963 and spent the first few years of his career as a fifth and sixth grade teacher. In 1968 he became temporary principal at Colonial Hills, but the temporary label was dropped. His 31 years of dedicated service will leave a legacy for students and teachers alike.

We in the Aldine ISD has been very fortunate to have benefited from Mr. Odom's dedication and loyalty. He always led by example and frequently welcomed students to school. Because he always treated others with respect and dignity, the people who work for him and attend his school consider him their friend as well as their principal.

Staff, faculty and students alike have spoken out in appreciation for Mr. Odom's work ethic and love for his students. His staff is so loyal that almost half of the school's employees have been there for more than 10 years. Many have admitted they stay simply because Principal Odom makes working at Colonial Hills fun.

In honor of Weaver Odom, the Aldine ISD recently announced it's decision to rename Colonial Hills to Odom Elementary. This honor is an appropriate way to thank Principal Odom for his dedication and leadership at the school and throughout the community.

Education is the key to our children's future and the key to our country's continued success. Principal Odom shares this belief and has worked with his faculty and staff to ensure that all students have an opportunity for quality education. The twenty-first century will bring new challenges for our young people. Principal Odom has been committed to educating them to deal with these challenges.

For years, families have known this school is run by a man dedicated to providing an environment conducive to learning. I am certain that the strength of the community would not be what it is without Mr. Odom's years of service and I am confident that his legacy will continue for years to come.

TRIBUTE TO WILDA SPALDING

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 17, 1998

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to World Wins Corporation and its

president, Wilda Spalding. I'm convinced that if there were more people like Wilda Spalding, than such lofty goals as world peace would not seem nearly so elusive. For 25 years, Ms. Spalding, the President of World Wins Corporation, has waged a one-person campaign in support of universal human rights, peace, and justice. She has devoted an incredible amount of her own time and resources in this effort. Among her proudest accomplishments was working with the United Nations to establish the UN's Year of the Child.

I first became aware of Ms. Spalding in the summer of 1998, when World Wins Corporation issued a medal of excellence to my close friend, Blinky Rodriguez. Blinky is the architect of the Valley Peace Treaty, which during the past five years has brought about a remarkable reduction in the number of gang killings in the Northeast San Fernando Valley.

Those of us who live and work in the Northeast Valley are well aware of Blinky's work, and we were all very moved when he was recognized by Wilda Spalding and World Wins Corporation. Blinky joined 14 other winners of the Medal of Excellence in Geneva, Switzerland, where he was feted in front of an international audience of dignitaries.

I will always be grateful to Ms. Spalding for bestowing this prestigious and richly-deserved honor on Blinky.

I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Wilda Spalding, President of World Wins Corporation, for her dedication to making ours a better world. She is a shining example for us all.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. J. MICHAEL BISHOP FOR RECEIVING THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR CELL BIOLOGY'S 1998 PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

HON. GEORGE W. GEKAS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 17, 1998

Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to the attention of my colleagues the name of J. Michael Bishop, M.D. Dr. Bishop received the American Society for Cell Biology's 1998 Public Service Award on Sunday, December 13, 1998. On behalf of the Congressional Biomedical Research Caucus, I want to extend our deepest congratulations to Dr. Bishop for his outstanding scientific and educational accomplishments. Last year, I was pleased to receive the same Public Policy Award. I am honored that for once in my lifetime, a Nobel Laureate is actually following in my footsteps.

Nearly 10 years ago, Dr. Bishop, along with other scientists, proposed a forum where scientists could brief the Congress and its staff on the latest discoveries in biomedical research. Thus was born the Congressional Biomedical Research Caucus, which has now conducted over seventy-five briefings, provided the Congress with a first-rate science

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education, and has served to identify a bipartisan group of Members who actively support funding for medical research. The Biomedical Research Caucus has provided a forum for presentations that have made a remarkable and lasting impression on our views of what the proper role that the Congress should play in appropriating funds for the National Institutes of Health and Science Programs.

The fact that the Biomedical Research Caucus has been such a longstanding success is a tribute to Dr. Bishop's selfless and persevering dedication to provide appropriate topics and outstanding scientists to conduct these remarkable and enlightening briefings. Dr. Bishop's commitment to the caucus is deeply appreciated and we look forward to another year of caucus briefings that so effectively reveal the opportunities for scientific discovery.

I am ever so proud that a man born in York, PA, educated at Gettysburg College, and whose family resides near my home city of Harrisburg, PA, is receiving this richly deserved honor. Once again, I want Dr. Bishop to know that his passionate efforts on behalf of biomedical science have made a lasting impact on me personally as well as on the entire Congress.

HONORING THE EIGHTH GENERATION OF CASHELL'S IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 17, 1998

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, Montgomery County, MD, the district which I am proud to represent in Congress, is perhaps one of the most transient districts in the Nation. That is why it is a distinct honor to bring to your attention a family celebrating their eighth generation of Montgomery Countians with the births of Cashell Lee Hurdle, born February 22, 1998, son of Gaines Finley Hurdle and Kenneth Lee Hurdle of Bethesda, and McLean Gerald Morgan and Sarah Louise Morgan, both born December 4, 1997, the children of David Gough "Rusty" Morgan and Karen Brown Morgan of Rockville. This new generation comes from a family lineage of distinctive Montgomery Countians. They are a direct descendant of George Cashell, born in Cashell, Ireland, 1748, who immigrated to this country and died in Montgomery County in 1802. Cashell's great-great grandfather, Francis Hazel Cashell (1872-1930) was the owner of extensive farmland in the Redland area of Montgomery County and the Cashell Motor Company in Rockville. He was a member of the Maryland House of Delegates, elected in 1917. His great-grandmother, Alice Cashell Keech, (1896-1994) was an avid fox hunter and sportswoman, and a 98-year resident of Montgomery County. Sarah and McLean's great-grandfather, Jo V. Morgan, Sr., a Bethesda resident for 44 years, was the county's first civil service commissioner and a judge of the District of Columbia Tax Court. The children's grandmother, Alice "Cissy" Grant of Potomac, has chronicled life in Montgomery County for 40 years in various newspapers and magazines.

I have always proclaimed what a wonderful place Montgomery County is to raise a family.

This family, with eight generations having made this county their home, is a living testament to its appeal. I send to all of them my warmest best wishes.

THE MAN BEHIND THE VOTES

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 17, 1998

Mr. GREEN. Mr. Speaker, credit for the Democratic party's success in the November elections is due to our sustained commitment to the issues affecting American families. In a recent editorial in the Washington Post, Joseph A. Califano, Jr., a former aide to President Lyndon Johnson, describes the birth of many of those policies. Voting rights for minorities, a Medicare system that provides health care for the elderly and disabled, and Social Security that lifted more than 2 million seniors out of poverty are just a few of President Johnson's initiatives that Democrats have been fighting for over the past 30 years. In fact, just about every issue Democrats hold most dearly were conceptualized and implemented during the Johnson Administration. Initiatives like elementary and secondary education, protecting the environment, and clean air and water have been the cornerstones of the Democratic party since President Johnson had the wisdom to push his Great Society agenda.

Despite efforts by some Members to cut or eliminate many of these programs, Democrats have held firm in our convictions. The American people sent a clear message to their elected officials in the November elections—a message to fight for the issues that help hard-working Americans, like Medicare, Social Security, education and the environment. I for one am proud of our party's accomplishments and look forward to continuing to work toward President Johnson's goals.

Mr. Speaker, I submit the editorial by Mr. Califano for inclusion in the RECORD.

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THE MAN BEHIND THE VOTES

(By Joseph A. Califano Jr.)

The president most responsible for the Democratic victories in 1998 is the stealth president whom Democrats are loath to mention: Lyndon Johnson.

In March of 1965, when racial tension was high and taking a pro-civil rights stand was sure to put the solid South (and much of the North) in political play, President Johnson addressed a joint session of Congress to propose the Voting Rights Act. Flying in the face of polls that showed his position was hurting his popularity, he said that ensuring everyone the right to vote was an act of obedience to the oath that the president and Congress take before "God to support and defend the Constitution." Looking members on the floor straight in the eye, he closed by intoning the battle hymn of the civil rights movement, "And we shall overcome." One southern congressman seated next to White House counsel Harry McPherson exclaimed in shocked surprise, "God damn!"

That summer, with Johnson hovering over it, Congress passed the Voting Rights Act. The president was so excited that he rushed over to the Capitol to have a few celebratory drinks with Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield and Republican Minority leader

Everett Dirksen. The next day LBJ pressed Martin Luther King Jr. and other black leaders to turn their energy to registering black voters.

LBJ planned every detail of the signing ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda. He wanted "a section for special people I can invite," such as Rosa Parks (the 42-year-old black seamstress who refused to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery) and Vivian Malone (the first black woman admitted to the University of Alabama, in 1963). He told me to get "a table so people can say, 'This is the table on which LBJ signed the Voting Rights Bill.'"

He was exuberant as he drove with me and other staffers up to Capitol Hill for the signing. Riding in the presidential limo he spoke of a new day, "If, if, if, if," he said, "the Negro leaders get their people to register and vote."

I rarely saw him happier than on that day. For years after that, he fretted that too many black leaders were more interested in a rousing speech or demonstration full of sound bites and action for the TV cameras than in marshaling the voting power of their people.

Well, if he was looking down on us on Nov. 3—and I'm sure he was up there counting votes—he saw his dream come true. Without the heavy black turnout, the Democrats would not have held their own in the Senate, picked up seats in the House and moved into more state houses. In Georgia, the black share of the total vote rose 10 points to 29 percent, helping to elect a Democratic governor and the state's first black attorney general.

In Maryland, that share rose eight points to 21 percent, saving the unpopular Gov. Parris Glendening from defeat. The black vote in South Carolina kept Fritz Hollings in his Senate seat, defeated Lauch Faircloth in North Carolina and ensured Chuck Schumer's victory over Al D'Amato in New York.

Here and there across the country, the black vote provided the margin of victory for democratic governors and congressmen—and where Republicans such as the Bush brothers attracted large percentages of Hispanic and black voters, helped roll up majorities with national implications.

The Voting Rights Act is not the only thing Democrats can thank LBJ for. Johnson captured for the Democratic Party issues that were decisively important in this election. He got Congress to pass the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, which for the first time told the people they could look to the federal government for help in local school districts. It is his Medicare that Democrats promised to protect from conservative Republican sledgehammers. LBJ was the president who ratcheted up Social Security payments to lift more than 2 million Americans above the poverty line.

Together Medicare and Social Security have changed the nature of growing old in America and freed millions of baby boomers to buy homes and send their kids to college rather than spend the money to help their aging parents. The Great Society's Clean Air and Clean Water Acts, Motor Vehicle Pollution, Solid Waste Disposal and Highway Beautification acts have given Democrats a lock on environmental issues.

LBJ was also the president who created the unified budget to include Social Security, which helped produce a balanced budget in fiscal year 1969. Without that budget system, President Clinton would not be able to claim credit for producing the first balanced budget in 30 years.

As exit polls showed, the Democratic command of the terrain of education, health care, Social Security, the economy and the environment—and the growth of the minority vote—paved the road to electoral success in 1998.